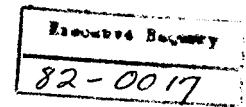


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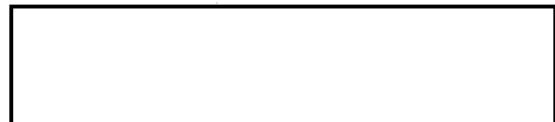
MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Director, Office of External Affairs
FROM: Lavon B. Strong
Chief, Public Affairs Division
SUBJECT: Request from Yale Political Union



1. Action Requested: Sign the attached letter declining a debate on the role of the CIA.

2. Background: The Yale Political Union has invited you to keynote a debate on the role of the CIA, to take place in the spring. The opposing keynoter and the debaters are unnamed, which could expose you unnecessarily to the likes of Morton Halperin or others of his ilk who make a practice of participating in such debates.

3. Recommendation: That you decline this invitation by signing the attached letter.



Lavon B. Strong

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APPROVE:

/s/ William J. Casey

8 JAN 1982

Director of Central IntelligenceDate

DISAPPROVE:

Director of Central IntelligenceDate

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